

RENTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 18, 1998 Council Chambers
Monday, 7:30 p.m. Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; TONI NELSON;
KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON;
KING PARKER; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY
CORMAN.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; DAVID DEAN, Assistant City Attorney; BRENDA FRITSVOLD, Deputy City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SANDY CHASTAIN, Community Relations Specialist; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department; COMMUNITY PROGRAM COORDINATOR AUDREY MOORE, Police Department.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 11, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS Police Department Volunteer Recognition

Chief of Police Garry Anderson and Community Program Coordinator Audrey Moore presented a plaque of appreciation to Police Department volunteer Arlene Zanga, who has donated more than 1500 hours in service to the department. Chief Anderson emphasized that the department especially appreciates Ms. Zanga's enthusiasm and professionalism.

"Business Committed to Kids" Award

Community Relations Specialist Sandy Chastain announced that Valley Medical Center is the most recent recipient of the "Business Committed to Kids" award given by Renton Communities in Schools. Ms. Chastain explained that Valley Medical offers interested youth the opportunity to explore the career of their choice via real work experience in many varied departments. Susan Frey, student placement coordinator at Valley Medical's education department, accepted the award on behalf of program director Kimberly McNally.

AUDIENCE COMMENT Citizen Comment Scates - Food Handling Permit Needed for Park Event

Ronnie Scates, PO Box 4162, Renton, 98057, introduced himself as the organizer of an annual Father's Day barbeque and car show event held at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park for the Young Veterans youth organization. Mr. Scates described problems he was experiencing in obtaining a food handler's permit from King County for this event, and asked for the City's assistance in this matter.

Mayor Tanner confirmed that all food handling permits are issued by the Seattle/King County Department of Public Health, and none by individual municipalities.

Citizen Comment Leavitt -
Stonegate Neighborhood
Security Concerns

Cindy Leavitt, 5303 NE 22nd Ct., Renton, 98059, reported that the Stonegate neighborhood in northeast Renton has experienced numerous break-ins, prompting resident concerns about security. Saying that a Block Watch meeting has been scheduled for June 3rd, she asked what else residents can do to get this problem resolved.

On another subject, Ms. Leavitt complained that a "sewage treatment capacity charge" assessed by King County on all Stonegate residences was not disclosed either by the developer or by individual title reports issued when the homes were purchased. Rather, King County is now mailing homeowners notice that the charge is due. Ms. Leavitt wondered why the developer did not disclose this charge to home purchasers as required by law.

Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman stated that this charge is assessed by King County on all new homes that are connected to the regional sewer system. Adding that the fee is also required of existing homes which convert to sewer from septic use, Councilman Corman noted that in this case, the non-disclosure may have been a failing of the title company.

Citizen Comment Rogers -
Stonegate Neighborhood
Security Concerns

Debra Rogers, 5326 NE 22nd Ct., Renton, 98059, echoed Ms. Leavitt's concerns about security in the Stonegate neighborhood, saying that residents have been subjected to break-ins, landscaping thefts, and acts of vandalism. She feared that the problems would escalate, and asked for assistance in resolving this matter.

Citizen Comment Wicks -
A-Frame (Sandwich-
Board) Signs

Debbie Wicks, 465 Renton Center Way SW, Renton, 98055, thanked the Council for listening to merchant concerns last week regarding A-frame (or "sandwich-board") signs. She asked that businesses such as hers be allowed to retain this type of advertising as it is vital to her store.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

City Clerk TCI Retroactive
Franchise Fee Payment (&
Pass-Through to
Customers)

City Clerk recommended acceptance of a payment in the amount of \$25,849.30 from TCI Cablevision of Washington for retroactive franchise fees owing to the City, and further recommended that TCI be authorized to pass through back fees over a one-year period to customers in the amount of \$0.16 per month (or over a two-year period at \$0.08 per month). Refer to Community Services Committee.

Parks 1998 Waterfowl
Removal Interlocal
Agreement, CAG-98-

Community Services Department requested approval of the 1998 interlocal agreement for waterfowl removal. Renton's cost share is \$2,090.00. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Development Services
New Positions (Two

Development Services Division requested authorization to add one full-time limited term Plans

Inspectors)	Examiner/Combination Inspector and one full-time limited term Land Use Compliance Inspector at a cost of \$124,100 (plus automobiles) due to increased work volumes. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Human Services 1999 CDBG Funds	Human Services Division recommended acceptance of an estimated \$393,966 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) pass-through funds for 1999. Council concur.
Police Ordinance Outlawing Shooting Bows, Air Guns or Slingshots at Animals	Police Department recommended approval of an ordinance making it unlawful for any person to shoot a bow, air gun or slingshot at any animal or fowl. Refer to <u>Public Safety Committee</u> .
Technical Services Computer Aided Design (CAD) & Surveying Services Roster	Technical Services Division requested approval of the proposed consultant roster for Computer Aided Design (CAD) and surveying services, to be effective for three years. Council concur.
CAG 97-51, ADA Bus Zone Improvements, GMT Inc	Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-97-051, ADA Bus Zone Improvement project; and requested approval of the project, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$10,324.79 to GMT, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.	
CORRESPONDENCE Citizen Comment Camerer - Vision Housing Request for Building Fee Waiver	Correspondence was read from Susan M. Camerer, Program Director of Vision House, PO Box 2951, Renton, 98056, requesting waiver of fire, transportation, and parks mitigation fees totalling \$1,497.02 for a facility housing homeless single mothers and their children. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE <u>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</u> . CARRIED.
Citizen Comment Cartwright - A-Frame (Sandwich-Board) Signs	Correspondence was read from Denise M. Cartwright, PO Box 2063, Renton, WA, 98056, stating that A-frame (or "sandwich-board") signs often pose problems for people such as her husband who are wheelchair-bound or otherwise disabled. This is because the signs are routinely placed on sidewalks, which creates unintentional but serious hazards. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE <u>PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</u> . CARRIED.
Councilman Schlitzer emphasized that the City will give serious consideration to the safety aspects associated with this type of signage. He further urged all persons interested in this issue to contact a councilmember with their views.	
OLD BUSINESS <u>Committee of the Whole</u> Transportation Downtown	Council President Edwards presented a report recommending that Council approve alternative C2.2B for the Downtown Transit Center's final operational layout.

**Transit Center Final
Operational Layout**

Alternative C2.2B, developed as part of the transit center workshop process, shows the transit center cut-through between two rows of parking. One row of parking is immediately north of the old Ford Service building, now often referred to as the pavilion or marketplace building. A second, single row of parking would also be constructed immediately south of the current Mazda used car lot, north of the transit center. Parking is accessed from Logan Ave. S., though the driveway for the northern row of parking is a temporary driveway permitted for the short term until a driveway can be provided from South Second Street. Freight egress only is allowed onto Burnett Ave. S. and is controlled by the use of removable bollards. The Committee of the Whole preferred this alternative C2.2B, and recommended it for adoption to the Renton City Council. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**Public Works Refuse in
Springbrook Creek**

Councilman Schlitzer asked the Administration to look into the presence of large amounts of debris in Springbrook Creek in the area of the Oakesdale Ave. SW (at SW 16th Street) bridge project. He said the material includes plastic buckets and styrofoam. Mayor Tanner agreed to see that this situation is remedied.

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3327

Legal A-Frame (Sandwich-
Board) Signs

A resolution was read declaring a temporary moratorium on the enforcement of City Code as it relates to certain temporary or portable signs commonly known as A-frame or sandwich-board signs. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.**

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler praised the City Attorney for drafting an excellent resolution which successfully incorporated Council's concerns and intentions on this issue, and for doing so in a very short timeframe.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:

Ordinance #4725

Development Services
Optional DNS Process

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-6-9 of Chapter 6, Environmental Ordinance (SEPA), of Title IV (Building Regulations), of City Code by adopting the optional DNS process by reference. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Council Apprenticeship
Set-Aside Program

Council President Edwards commented that, faced with the potential problem that the region's employers will lack necessary skilled labor, jurisdictions such as King County, the City of Seattle and the Port of Seattle have established apprenticeship programs for public projects. The programs take advantage of economic development efforts, and provide another way to accomplish community

participation in civic financial investment. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING AN "APPRENTICE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM" FOR LARGE PUBLIC PROJECTS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:16 p.m.

BRENDA FRITSVOLD, Deputy City Clerk

5/18/98